Raids on government officials

2026. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has conducted country-wide special anti-corruption raids at several Central Government and Public Sector Undertakings officials recently as reported in all the newspapers on 24th February, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the officials on whom raids were conducted and the details of the incriminating documents, cash, etc., seized during the raids;

(c) the basis on which such raids were conducted; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to check corruption amongst such officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation has conducted country-wide special anti-corruption raids on 22.2.2002 as a part of a nation-wide Special Drive against corrupt public servants, economic offenders and others. During the drive 36 cases (23 in Anti-corruption Division, 4 in Economic Offence Wing and 9 in Special Crimes Division of the CBI) involving 112 persons including Government Servants, were registered.

(c) In order to retain its anti-corruption thrust, besides conducting investigation in ordinary course, as a deterrent action, CBI periodically carries out Special Drives for apprehendings/ detecting corrupt officials at various levels. Raids are a part of the search process and aim at collecting evidence during investigation.

(d) Fight against corruption is a continuous process and the Government is fully committed to root out this evil through various agencies like Central Bureau of Investigation and Central Vigilance Commission. A multi-pronged strategy of prevention,

surveillance and deterrent punitive action is being followed by the Government to fight against corruption.

Appointment of Consultants in Ministries

2027. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) it is a fact that consultants are appointed in various Ministries and Departments;

(b) if so, the details of the existing appointments under each Ministry and Department, separately; and

(c) the rules under which these appointments have been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information available is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) The appointments of consultants are made as per executive instructions and guidelines the latest of which was issued vide OM No. 16012/7/97-Estt.(AL) Dt. 13.2.98.

Statement *List of Consultants engaged by various Ministries/Departments*

SI. No.	Name of the Ministry/ Department	No. of Consultants as on date	Official/Non-official
1	2	3	4
1.	Ministry of Urban Development	1	Official Non-
2.	Department of Biotechnology	1	official Non-
3.	Ministry of Rural Development	1	official